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S. 1609

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 21, 1999

Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. HAGEL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "American Hospital Preservation Act of 1999".

SEC. 2. REVISION OF PPS HOSPITAL PAYMENT UPDATE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(b)(3)(B)(i)) is amended—

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(1) in subclause (XV), by striking "1.8 percentage points" and inserting "1.3 percentage points"; and

(2) in subclause (XVI), by striking "1.1 percentage points" and inserting "0.6 percentage point".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

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